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RUMBOLD, BRITISH MINISTER, TELLS ME THAT ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM BRITISH FONOFF BRITISH AMBASSADOR SAW DE GAULLE LAST EVENING. SIR PIERSON TOLD DE GAULLE HE ASSUMED THAT DE GAULLE HAD RECEIVED SAME MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KENNEDY AS PRIME MINISTER MACMILLAN HAD RECEIVED, AND PM WANTED DE GAULLE TO KNOW THAT PRIME MINISTER WAS ISSUING ORDERS TO BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE AT UN TO SUPPORT US POSITION.

PRESIDENT DE GAULLE INDICATED THAT HE EITHER HAD OR WOULD SEND SIMILAR INSTRUCTIONS TO FRENCH DELEGATE ALTHOUGH DE GAULLE SAID HE DID NOT RPT NOT CONSIDER UN OPERATION IMPORTANT.

PRESIDENT DE GAULLE APPARENTLY TALKED TO SIR PIERSON MORE OR LESS ALONG SAME LINES AS HE TALKED TO MR. ACHESON (REFTEL). SIR PIERSON STATED THAT DE GAULLE WAS IN NO WISE CRITICAL OF US, WAS OBVIOUSLY INTERESTED IN WHOLE AFFAIR AND SEEMED TO BE RATHER ENJOYING WHOLE OPERATION.

ANOTHER BRITISH EMBOFF DESCRIBING PIERSON-DEGAULLE MEETING ASSERTED DE GAULLE SAID AS LONG AS SITUATION CONCERNED ONLY CUBA, HE WAS WILLING ACCEPT US INITIATIVES IN MATTER BUT SHOULD AREA OF ACTION EXPAND THEN HE WOULD INSIST UPON TRI-PARTITITE CONSULTATION.

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